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Maternity and child welfare - Mangalore Municipality - Petition from Mrs. H. Sheshi for appointment as midwife
Order's passed.

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From

Mrs. H. Shashi,
wife of Sri J.C.Shekhar,
Qualified Midwife,
Attavar, Babugudde, Mangalore,
South Kanara.

To

T. Austin, Esqre., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Adviser to His Excellency the Governor,
Fort St. George, M a d r a s.

Merciful Sir,

I most humbly beg to enclose herewith a true copy of my memorial dated 2- 9- 1944 addressed to -

1. The Secretary To the Government, Education and Public Health, Madras

2. The Director of Public Health, Madras and

3. The Inspector for Municipalities & Local Boards, Madras.

I beg to submit that I have not yet received back my Certificates from the Health Officer, Mangalore Municipality, Mangalore. When I approach him, he gets furious at me and threatens me saying that unless I withdraw my memorial, he would see that I am completely ruined. I have great reason to suspect that he has deliberately suppressed my certificates and he is purposely delaying his report to the Government on my memorial. He is not only terrorising me and the members of my poor family, but my community itself. Instead of being useful to the public and inspiring confidence in the poor, he is carrying on a secret and revengeful campaign against all those that have complained against him to the higher authorities. On account of his haughty and vindictive spirit, the public and particularly the members of my community are subjected to great suffering and untold hardships.

As I am deprived of my certificates by the h[illegible]th Officer as mentioned above, I am without any job for

the last three years, I am in great distress and nearly starving for want of a job.

I, therefore, most humbly appeal to you for relief and protection at an early date,

I beg to remain,
Respected Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Mangalore,
16-11-1944

H. Shastri
16.11.1944

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The G.O. referred to as A on p. 3 of has been called for from the M.R.O. This may lie on file 21.11.44.

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1. The Secretaty To the Government,
Education and Public Health, Madras,

2. The Director of Public Health,
Madras,

3. The Inspector ofer Municipalities & Local
Boards, M a d r a s.

Humble memorial submitted by Mrs. H. Sheshi, wife of Sri J.C.Shekhar, Registered Midwife, Attavar, Babugudde, Mangalore, South Kanara District.

The memorialist above-named begs to submit as follows:-

1. The memorialist is a member of scheduled caste. She is a registered midwife, aged 26 years. In the year 1938, the Municipal Council in its resolution No. 33 dated 7- 11- 1938 sanctioned a stipend of Rs. 6/- per month, subject to Government sanction, the Government accorded sanction which was intimated to the Commissioner in G. O. Ms. 4346 P.H. dated 15- 2- 1938. As per G.O.No.414 P.H. dated 15- 2- 1937 the Commissioner directed the memorialist to execute a registered bond with two sureties. The bond was executed in 1938.

2. The total amount advanced to the memorialist by the Municipality as stipend and journey expenses amounted to Rs. 144/-. The memorialist completed her training course as midwife, and passed the prescribed examination by September 19

3. As per terms of the bond executed by the memorialist in favour of the Mangalore Municipal Council, she was bound, within one month after completing the course of training and passing the prescribed examination to

accept an appointment as Midwife in a hospital or dispensary maintained by the Municipal Council, if such appointment is offered to her, and serve in such capacity on the scale of Rs. 25 - 1 - 35 + 5 or if no such appointment is offered, to settle down in a village to be decided by the Municipal Council immediately after the training is over, and practice there for the benefit of the villagers for the period of not less than five years, and in the latter case, if before the expiry of the said five years any vacancies arises in an institution maintained by the said Council, she shall if appointed to the same and serve in such capacity on the scale of pay Rs. 25 - 1 - 35 + 5.

4. As soon as the memorialist completed the training course and passed the examination, she intimated the fact to the Municipal Executive Authority and applied for a post as per terms of her bond. The Municipal Health Officer asked her to produce her midwifery and other necessary certificates, as per his L. Dis. 281/42 dated 23- 1- 1942 to be forwarded to the D.P.H., Madras. The memorialist complied with the Health Officer's order.

5. As the memorialist did not receive any communications from the Health Officer for a long time, she on 22- 8- 1942 applied to the Health Officer for return of her Certificates, as she wanted the same to apply for the post of A. R. P. Nurse Midwives and to apply for some other midwives post. The memorialist did not get these posts for want of her certificates. But the Health Officer in his L. Dis. 3400/42 dated 27- 8- 1942 intimated to her saying that her certificates had been sent to the Director of Public Health, Madras, for approval.

6. The memorialist regrets very much to state that till this date she has not received her certificates from the Mangalore Municipal Health Officer inspite of repeated reminders and appeals.

7. The memorialist learnt that in January 1944 there was a long standing leave vacancy of a midwife's posts. She submitted her application to the Municipal Health Officer (Dr. Subraya Baliga) to appoint her for the said post. But till now the said Health Officer has not cared to give her any reply.

8. In February 1944 the memorialist learnt that the Mangalore Health Officer had appointed a midwife of his own Gowd Saraswath Community inspite of applications and over-looking the memorialist's claims for the post. She, therefore, submitted an appeal to the Mangalore Municipal Council on 11- 2- 1944.

9. As the appeal was kept completely suppressed by the Health Officer for several months, in the first week of June 1944, the memorialist approached the Health Officer in person accompanied by Sri J. Vamana (Scheduled Caste Councillor), but it was most shocking and painful to hear the Health Officer stating that the memorialist had no chance of an appointment under him, as she is a scheduled caste candidate.

10. In the second week of June 1944, the Health Officer appointed one Sulochani of the Health Officer's own (Gowd Saraswath) community, inspite of repeated applications from the memorialist for the said leave vacancy.

11. Again in July 1944, the memorialist approached

the Commissioner, Mangalore Municipality, Mangalore, with an application, endorsed by the Municipal Councillor, Sri J. Vamun, but he had given no reply so far.

12. Again in July 1944, the memorialist approached the Chairman, Mangalore Municipality, with a letter dated 7- 7- 1944 from Sri B.Gangadhar Bas, B.A.,B.L., Advocate and Municipal Councillor. The Chairman with his endorsement dated 8- 7- 1944 forwarded the same to the Commissioner, to take necessary action in the matter of the appeal dated 11- 2- 1944 by the memorialist to the Council.

13. Inspite of requests from the two Councillors, her appeal dated 11- 2- 1944 was not placed before the Council till 7- 8- 1944 on which date, Sri J. Vamun, Councillor put question to the Chairman as to the whereabouts of her appeal dated 11- 2- 1944. The Chairman assured him that the said appeal would be placed before the next Council meeting.

14. Atlast her appeal came up for consideration at the Council meeting on 21- 8- 1944. The Councillors obtained the information from the Chairman that the Health Officer had appointed two midwives after her appeal dated 11- 2- 1944 and the second appointment was only two months ago and that was of Sulochani of the Health Officer's Gowd Saraswath community. The Councillors with one voice protested against the Health Officer's action in appointing a lady of his own community whose name was neither included in thepenal nor even sent to the Director of Public Health for approval, over-looking the claims of the memorialist who belonged to the scheduled caste, who was qualified, who had been

appealing for the post, and who had a right for the post and every encouragement from the Government and from the local Mangalore Municipality. In reply the Health Officer said that the claims of the memorialist can only be considered after receiving back her certificates from the Director of Public Health, Madras.

15. For the extended area of this Municipality, the Health Officer has been contemplating the opening of a midwifery centre and has been putting it off just because the memorialist has been claiming the vacancy.

16. The memorialist feels that under the present Municipal Health Officer she cannot get any relief or justice. He seems to harass and dislike for the members of the scheduled caste and a particular liking and attraction for the members of his own community. He has been in this district, I understand, for several years in the District Board and the Mangalore Municipality service and has acquired several vested interests in this district and in his own community. If the memorialist had been given a job as soon as she passed, she would have been by this time earnest atleast Rs. 1,500/-.

17. The Health Officer by refusing to give the memorialist a job and by with-holding her certificates is responsible not only for the said loss, but for so much of anxiety, worry and humiliation.

The memorialist, therefore, appealing to you on behalf of herself, her family and her community and pray -

1. to arrange for return of her certificates
2. to secure for her a job in this Municipality,

giving her seniority over all the juniors now in Municipal service as midwives and

3. to compensate her Rs. 1,500/- for the loss and worry suffered by her during these last two years on account of the neglect of the Health officer to return her certificates and give her a job in time.

Sd/- H. Sheshi,

Memorialist.

Mangalore,
Dated 2- 9- 1944

-(True Copy)-

H. Sheshi
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Education & P.H. Dept (H)

CN.o 5485-3H/44 Maternity and Child Welfare. Mangalore Municipality. Petition for appointment as midwife.

From Mrs H. Shashi, Qualified Midwife Attavar, Balmgudde, Mangalore Dt 16.11.44.

Memo- 5485-3 H-1. Dt 22.11.44

The attention of the D.P.H. is invited to Govt. Memo No 45144.1.H-P.H. Dt 14.9.44 on the subject referred to above and he is requested to report the action taken by him on the petition from Mrs H. Shashi dated 2.9.44. He is requested to treat this matter as urgent

The D.P.H